

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, please delete, the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section after line 9, that was inserted by Preliminary Amendment submitted on April 27, 2001 (See page 2 and 3 of Preliminary Amendment submitted by previous attorneys representing Applicants).

On page 2, after line 18 (or the end of the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION SECTION) and before the line which reads "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1a to 1r show gene structures for isolating organisms and mutants.

Figure 2a shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calAΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 1).

Figure 2b shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calAΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Figure 2c shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calAΔ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 3).

Figure 2d shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calBΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Figure 2e shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calBΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 5).

Figure 2f shows a nucleotide sequence of the *calBΔ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 6).

Figure 2g shows a nucleotide sequence of the *fcsΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Figure 2h shows a nucleotide sequence of the *fcsΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 8).

Figure 2i shows a nucleotide sequence of the *fcs_Δ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 9).

Figure 2j shows a nucleotide sequence of the *echΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 10).

Figure 2k shows a nucleotide sequence of the *echΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 11).

Figure 2l shows a nucleotide sequence of the *ech_Δ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 12).

Figure 2m shows a nucleotide sequence of the *vdhΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 13).

Figure 2n shows a nucleotide sequence of the *vdhΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 14).

Figure 2o shows a nucleotide sequence of the *vdh_Δ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 15).

Figure 2p shows a nucleotide sequence of the *aatΩKm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 16).

Figure 2q shows a nucleotide sequence of the *aatΩGm* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 17).

Figure 2r shows a nucleotide sequence of the *aat_Δ* gene structure (SEQ ID NO: 18).

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On page 32, line 9, please replace the one-line paragraph to read as follows:

Gene ~~strukture~~ structures for isolating organisms and mutants.

On page 33, please delete lines 1-18 which correspond to the contents of the page.